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USAID contributes \$29,000 to renovate the Manchu Matak primary school in Krivogashtani

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project, have invested \$29,000 to install new energy efficient windows at the Manchu Matak primary school. Before the renovation, the school was losing a quarter of its heat during the winter, putting a significant burden on the municipal budget. These savings can now be invested back into education. USAID/PEP will invest more than \$3 million to renovate up to 100 primary schools across Macedonia.

"This is a very important day for all of us. Finally, our students will have the learning environment they deserve," said School Director Roza Burneska at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Now they can learn more and achieve better results. With the implementation of this project, we are investing in our children's future. I want to thank the American people and USAID for their support."

The Renovation Component of the USAID Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.